

REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 15, 2010 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-8 and 13-18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 12, 22, and 23 are currently pending in the application and have been allowed.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-8 and 13-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pimentel (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0214970) in view of Martin (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0055912) and further in view of Salmi (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2005/0259604). As indicated above, claims 1-8 and 13-18 have been cancelled. As such, this rejection is now moot.

The only claims now pending are claims 12, 22, and 23, which have been allowed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicant's undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

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